

THE ALBRIMAS EXAMINATIONS BOARD

2025 PRIMARY SCHOOL LEAVING CERTIFICATE 1ST MOCK EXAMINATION



ENGLISH

(100 marks)



Subject Number: P052

Time Allowed: 2 h 15 mins

Wednesday, 19 February

7:00 – 9:15 am

Name of Candidate: _____

(Surname First)

Name of School: _____

Instructions

1. This paper contains 13 printed pages. Please check.
2. Write your Name and Name of your School in the spaces provided above and your Examination Number on top of each page of the question paper.
3. This paper consists of 4 sections: A, B, C and D.
4. You are expected to answer **one** question only from section A. Your composition/report should be between **100** and **150** words. You should answer **all** questions in sections B, C and D.
5. The **first 10 minutes** are for reading the questions and choosing the question to answer from Section A.
6. Write **all** your answers to the questions in sections A, B and C in the spaces provided on the question paper. In section D, encircle the letter representing the right answer to each question.
7. In the table provided on this page, **tick** against the question number you have answered apart from questions 14 to 53.
8. Hand in your question paper to the invigilator when time is called to stop writing.

Question Number	Tick if answered	Do not write in these columns	
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Section A (30 marks)

Answer **one** question only from this section on the lined answer sheets on **page 3 and 4**.

Write between **100** and **150** words.

EITHER

1. Imagine that the library at your school was damaged by strong winds. Write a report to the Member of Parliament of your area asking him/her for assistance.

In your report may include the following points:

Paragraph 1

- Name of the school where the incident took place
- When the incident took place
- Any two friends you were with at the time of the incident

Paragraph 2

- What you were doing during the incident
- Any two things that were damaged by the winds at the school

Paragraph 3

- Any two ways in which the incident has affected activities at your school
- What people did in order to protect property during the incident
- Any two ways in which you want the Member of Parliament to assist the school

OR

2. Imagine that you went to your village during the holiday. Write a composition entitled “A visit to the village.”

In your composition include the following information:

Paragraph 1

- Name of your village
- When you visited the village
- How you travelled to the village

Paragraph 2

- Two people you went to the village with
- What you carried for the people at the village
- Why you decided to visit the village

Paragraph 3

- Two things you learnt from the village
- Two pieces of advice you can give to your friends who do not visit their village

Section B (20 marks)**3. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follows.**

It was still very early in the morning at Kabale School. Many pupils had already gathered in front of the staffroom ready for the morning assembly. Then the head teacher, Mr. Mwaisame, led a group of other teachers onto the platform. All pupils stood up and greeted the teachers. The head girl led the school prayers. At the end everyone took his or her seat.

Mr. Mwaisame stood up. He looked very worried this particular day. He did not smile to the pupils as he always did during the assemblies. His eyes shot at the pupils. Then he opened his mouth and began to speak.

“I want you to listen very carefully. I have received report from your class teachers that some of you run away from classes especially after the second break. I would like this practice to stop immediately. Any pupil who runs away from class will be punished when he or she comes back on the following day.”

A thunder of deep voices rolled through the gathering. This forced Mr. Mwaisame to stop talking for a while until all the pupils were quiet again.

“Secondly,” he started again, “I have been told that some of you are smoking while at school.” At this point all eyes turned to a group of boys who were standing at the back of the assembly. These were the ones who were smoking at Kabale School.

“Smoking is not good for your health,” Mr. Mwaisame said. It spoils your teeth and lungs. Therefore, from today onwards no pupil will be allowed to smoke in this school.”

“Thirdly, I want cleanliness in this school. Don’t throw rubbish everywhere while you are here. Use the rubbish bins which are outside every classroom.”

“Finally, on Friday this week, we shall have visitors from Iponga District Hospital. They will be here at 9 am. They will talk about dangers of diseases in our society. Tell your parents to come to school on this day. Thank you.”

Questions

a. Who was the head teacher of Kabale School?

(1 mark)

Continued/...

b. What showed that the head teacher was not happy during the assembly?

(2 marks)

c. At what time did many pupils run away from classes?

(1 mark)

d. Why did pupils look at the group of boys at the back?

(2 marks)

e. Where were pupils supposed to throw rubbish in the school?

(1 mark)

f. Mention any two pieces of advice that the head teacher gave the pupils.

i. _____

ii. _____

(2 marks)

g. Give a reason why the head teacher stopped talking for a while.

(2 marks)

h. What happened when the head teacher and the other teachers arrived at the platform?

(2 marks)

i. State the reason why the head teacher was not happy during assembly.

(2 marks)

j. Find a word in the story that means the same as:

(i) **Paragraph 1** “assembled”

(1 mark)

(ii) **Paragraph 3** “next”

(1 mark)

(iii) **Paragraph 8** “risks”

(1 mark)

k. Suggest a title for the story.

(2 marks)

Section C (10 marks)

Change the following sentences from direct to indirect speech.

4. Direct: “Why did you lock the door?” asked Mahara.

Indirect: _____

(1 mark)

5. Direct: “You elected me your Member of Parliament for this constituency,” she said.

Indirect: _____

(1 mark)

6. Direct: "My husband and I have decided to leave our beautiful house in town," Said Mary.
Indirect: _____
(1 mark)
7. Direct: "You must be in uniform every day," the teacher instructed.
Indirect: _____
(1 mark)
8. Direct: "The learners wrote good compositions," the teacher said.
Indirect: _____
(1 mark)

Make a sentence with each of the following words to show that you understand its meaning.

9. peace

(1 mark)
10. hut

(1 mark)
11. always

(1 mark)
12. too

(1 mark)
13. opportunity

(1 mark)

Section D (40 marks)

Questions 14 to 26

In each of the following questions, choose the correct word (A, B, C or D) that best completes the sentence.

14. Everyone is aware _____ the changes of smoking.
A. about
B. on
C. of
D. to
15. The hyena is running _____ the antelope.
A. for
B. after
C. behind
D. with
16. He will be here _____ an hour or so.
A. in
B. over
C. on
D. by
17. If he had called me, I _____ able to meet him.
A. will be
B. will have been
C. should be
D. would have been
18. If you _____ the urban areas of the country, you would have found life different.
A. visit
B. had visited
C. will visit
D. have visited
19. Priya said that she would rather eat nsima _____ rice.
A. and
B. with
C. to
D. than
20. If I _____ rich enough, I would build a decent house.
A. was
B. am
C. were
D. has been
21. We went to the market to buy not only meat _____ rice.
A. neither
B. nor
C. but
D. but also
22. They brought two bags of rice _____ eighty thousand kwacha.
A. by
B. for
C. with
D. at
23. The learners were _____ noisy for anyone to be heard.
A. very
B. so
C. much
D. too

24. Cleophas saw a large _____ of fish when he was at the lake.
A. flock
B. group
C. pack
D. school
25. Tehilah spent most of her money _____ the girls' school fees.
A. over
B. for
C. on
D. at
26. "I know this girl, she _____ coming here for some time now," Miguel said.
A. has been
B. had been
C. could have been
D. should have been
27. She had a big smile on her face.
A. verb
B. conjunction
C. noun
D. adverb
28. When the harvesting season is here everyone is happy.
A. verb
B. adverb
C. noun
D. adjective
29. All late comers were asked to remain behind.
A. preposition
B. noun
C. conjunction
D. adverb
30. The rumour that Tupali is sick is not true.
A. noun
B. verb
C. adverb
D. adjective
31. Zwelithini went to school before she was six years old.
A. noun
B. adverb
C. preposition
D. conjunction
32. Singing is a good hobby.
A. preposition
B. verb
C. noun
D. adverb
33. Saiweh has a lovely voice.
A. adverb
B. adjective
C. verb
D. preposition

Questions 27 to 39

In each of the following questions, choose the correct part of speech (**A**, **B**, **C** or **D**) for each of the underlined words.

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34. Ten were found under the chair.
A. noun
B. adverb
C. preposition
D. pronoun
35. I will go if you tell me what to do.
A. pronoun
B. preposition
C. adverb
D. conjunction
36. The head teacher is briefing the school staff.
A. noun
B. adjective
C. adverb
D. verb
37. Cultivating along the slopes encourage soil erosion.
A. noun
B. adjective
C. adverb
D. preposition
38. This is my opportunity to go to secondary school.
A. noun
B. adverb
C. adjective
D. preposition
39. The pastor will be here soon.
A. verb
B. adverb
C. noun
D. conjunction

Questions 40 to 44

In each of the following questions, choose the tag (A, B, C, or D) that best completes the statement

40. Christian lives in Ntcheu, _____?
A. did he
B. does he
C. doesn't he
D. didn't he
41. Anyone should clean the house, _____?
A. should they
B. shouldn't they
C. do they
D. don't they
42. The spectators should not have applauded us, _____?
A. have they
B. haven't they
C. should they
D. shouldn't they
43. Open the windows, _____?
A. should you
B. shouldn't you
C. will you
D. won't you
44. I am writing an English test, _____?
A. am I
B. aren't I
C. don't I
D. do I

Questions 45 and 46

In each of the following questions, choose the word (**A, B, C** or **D**) that best completes the **simile**.

45. The fruit is as _____ as honey.
 A. tasty
 B. good
 C. nice
 D. sweet
46. The child was as talkative as a _____.
 A. bird
 B. radio
 C. magpie
 D. speakers

Questions 47 and 48

In each of the following questions, choose the word (**A, B, C**, or **D**) that best completes the proverbs.

47. One word is enough to the _____.
 A. wise
 B. sick
 C. poor
 D. rich
48. Send a thief to catch a _____.
 A. thief
 B. robbers
 C. officers
 D. leader

Questions 49 to 53

In each of the following questions, choose the answer (**A, B, C** or **D**) that gives the correct type of clause and its function.

49. I know the reason why she always comes late.
 A. noun clause, in apposition to "reason"
 B. adjective clause, qualifying "reason"
 C. adverb clause, modifying "know"
 D. noun clause, complement of "known"
50. I have bought a dress so that I can give it to my mother.
 A. adjective clause, qualifying "dress"
 B. adverb clause, modifying "have bought"
 C. noun clause, object of "have bought"
 D. noun clause, complement of "have bought"
51. This is the place where I was born.
 A. adjective clause, qualifying "place"
 B. adverb clause, modifying "is"
 C. noun clause, object of "is"
 D. noun clause, in apposition to "place"
52. This is not what the doctor advised him.
 A. adverb clause, modifying "is"
 B. noun clause, object of "is"
 C. adverb clause, modifying "is not"
 D. noun clause, complement of "is not"

53. The information that Peter has been selected to secondary school pleased his parents.
- A. adjective clause, qualifying “information”
 - B. noun clause, in apposition to “information”
 - C. adverb clause, modifying “pleased”
 - D. noun clause, subject of “pleased”

END OF QUESTION PAPER

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